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Honorable Cardiss Collins
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Collins:

This is in reply to your letter of March 10, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shibben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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CARDISS COLLINS

7TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

March 10, 1993

Ms. Lou Sizemore
Federal Communications
Commission
Office of Legislative Affairs
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Sizemore:

Enclosed please find correspondence which I recently received from several of my constituents raising concerns over the Federal Communications Commission's proposed rules changes currently under consideration in PR Docket Number 92-235. Since the comment period on these proposed changes extends through May 28, 1993, I have informed these individuals that I would be forwarding their letters to your office for inclusion in the public record.

Thank you in advance for your attention to their concerns.

Sincerely,

CARDISS COLLINS
Member of Congress

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From: CARL BARSHOP
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Reference: NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

To: MS CARDIS COLLINS

I derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled models. I am active in our local club and compete in many events.

Radio control modeling is a very positive experience for people and especially for younger members and retired people. The younger members learn how to use their hands for building and their minds for learning safety and flying skills. For retired people radio controlled modeling is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and share companionship with fellow modelers.

I am very concerned about proposed rule changes currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission in PR Docket 92-235. If the new rules are adopted it will greatly reduce the usable number of frequencies currently assigned for model use.

The Honorable Cardis Collins
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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AMA
1810 Samuel Morse Drive
Reston, VA 22090
ATTN: Technical Department

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Re: Federal Communications Commission PR Docket 92-235

Dear

The abovementioned docket number refers to a radio frequency re-distribution proposal currently under consideration by the FCC. If adopted, the proposal would seriously compromise the viability of frequencies presently assigned for the avocational radio control of model aircraft.

As it stands, the proposal would add commercial-usage frequencies in a manner which would cause control impairment of models in flight and during ground operations. This, in turn, would result in an intolerable hazard to individuals and property at or near established, locally-approved sites where radio-controlled models are flown.

(Please refer to the attached enclosure for facts regarding the nature of the models and their operation along with a reference to a national aeromodelers' organization, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, of Reston, VA.)

As a beneficiary and frequent user of the present FCC frequency accommodation for aeromodeling, I assure you that the proposal will—if left unmodified—virtually eliminate a worthy and gratifying avocational activity; an activity enjoyed by a demographically diverse participant-group of enthusiasts who frequently invest a major portion of their available leisure time and financial resources to radio-controlled aeromodeling.

Please consider interceding on our behalf by urging the FCC to heed these concerns as they'll be articulated in a Formal Letter of Comment to be presented by the Academy of Model Aeronautics via their counsel. The identification of the proposal, once more, is PR Docket 92-235 and the deadline for Comment is 26 FEB 93.

In doing so, you'll be helping preserve one of the very few, very small segments of the public airwaves still available for non-commercial use by the American public.

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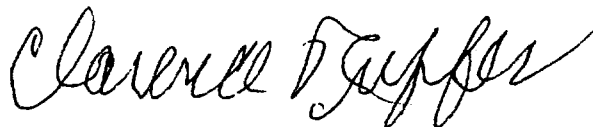
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Robert A. Downer
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February 19, 1993

Rep. Cardiss Collins
2308 Rayburn
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Collins,

I am writing to ask for your support in opposing PR Docket 92-235 which will reduce the usability of many of the radio frequencies currently allocated for radio control airplanes.

I have been in the radio control airplane hobby for about ten years. In that span of time I have accumulated a large inventory of airplanes, transmitters and miscellaneous equipment to support my hobby. The investment in dollar amount has been large, to say the least, amounting to thousands of dollars.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 to 76 Mhz band.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Downer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert A. Downer

02/11/93

To: The Honorable Cardiss Collins
United States House of Representatives
Room 2264, Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Purposed Rule: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mrs. Collins

As a responsible adult involved in the hobby/sport of radio controlled, (R/C), boat racing I strongly urge you to not pass the proposed FCC rule known as NPRN - PR Docket 92-235.

I have been involved in R/C model airplanes, cars, and boats for twenty-two years. I have focused on R/C boat racing for the past twelve years engaging in this activity world-wide. R/C modeling has essentially shaped my life as my interest led to a college education and a B.S. Degree in Aeronautics. R/C boat modeling has been a positive influence in my life responsible for creating friendships throughout the USA and Europe. My involvement and love of R/C modeling impels me to write.

R/C Model Boating is a highly diversified hobby attracting people from all walks of life. It is estimated that there are more than two thousand active boaters just in the Chicago area. These hobbyist operate their miniature watercraft in small lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds throughout the Chicago area to the delight of many admiring spectators. Many of these spectators are inspired by the activity and get involved. Others like myself are stimulated beyond just the hobby and seek career in related technical fields. There is no question that R/C Boating/Modeling is a fun and safe for the entire family.

I am very concerned about the purposed new frequencies that will be enacted with docket 92-235. These new frequencies if introduced will be inserted between our present frequencies. The danger in this action is the radio interference that the inserted frequency will create for the R/C model. A simple phone call from a cellular telephone could cause a model air plane traveling at 100 mph to fly out of control. Or a hydroplane boat traveling at 75 mph across the water to loose control and hit the shore line of a lake. The possibility of extensive property damage excluding the model exists. The eventuality of personal injury, even fatal injuries are a

possibility as most of these activities take place at public parks. To avoid danger many of the currently used frequencies will be vacated by safety conscious hobbyists. I consider this to be very serious and could eventually destroy our hobby.

February 20, 1993

The Honorable Cardiss Collins
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510